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LB 167

PRESIDENT MOUL: Proceed with LB 167.

CLERK: Madam President, 167 was introduced by Senator Kristensen, Peterson and Nelson. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11, referred to the Banking Committee for public hearing, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending. I do have a priority motion, Madam President. Senator Wesely would move to bracket LB 167 until January of 1992.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wesely. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I'm sorry, Madam President, did Senator Wesely ask for unanimous consent to bracket this? Is that...it's a motion? Okay.

PRESIDENT MOUL: It's a motion.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, and members, I'm sorry for the delay. I was trying to discuss with Senator Landis the proper method to handle the motion and rather than...we're sort of starting in on this in an initial vote on the bill without having a chance to really discuss the committee amendments or the bill itself. But probably it is in order that we begin the discussion on the question of whether we even ought to proceed on the issue at all. And so, in deference to Senator Landis, we will go ahead and discuss it in this fashion and then see if the body wants to proceed or not on LB 167. LB 167 is an important piece of legislation, to be sure, and one in which I think this body does need to address and consider the various issues involved with it. It deals with the question of the self-insurance of public entities in the State of Nebraska. The original bill was fraught with problems. The Banking Committee that I'm a member of heard those...the issue and found that there were any number of problems involved with the legislation and clearly was not in any condition to be advanced to the Legislature. The bill was held in committee for a number of weeks, in fact a couple of months, as some negotiation occurred to try and work out the problems with the bill. I must concede that the committee amendments, which become the bill, do improve the situation dramatically. And, again, perhaps it would be